

2. Velocity in Mechanisms:

In this chapter we shall discuss the velocity diagram and how it can be used to find such parameters.

2.1 Relative velocity of two bodies moving in straight line.

Here we shall discuss the application of vectors for the relative velocity of two bodies moving along parallel lines and inclined lines, as shown in Fig. 2.1 (a) and (b) respectively.

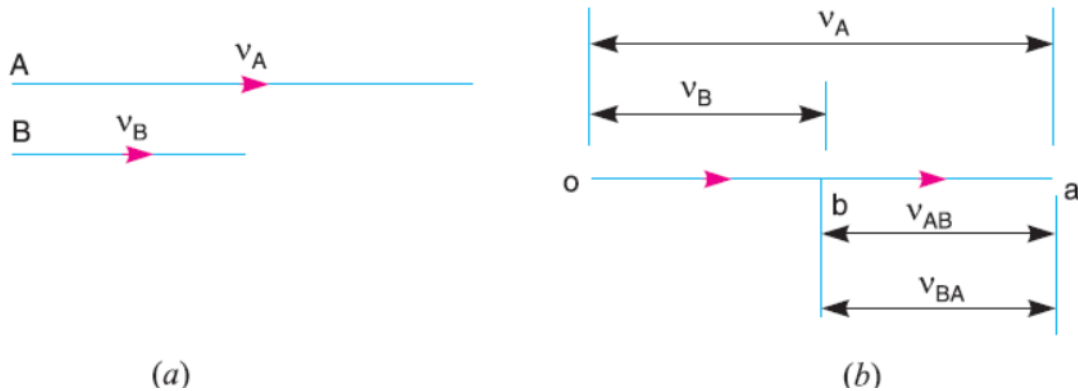


Fig 2.1. Relative velocity of two bodies moving along parallel lines.

Consider two bodies *A* and *B* moving along parallel lines in the same direction with absolute velocities v_A and v_B such that $v_A > v_B$, as shown in Fig.2.1 (a). The relative velocity of *A* with respect to *B*:

$$v_{AB} = \text{Vector difference of } v_A \text{ and } v_B = \overline{v_A} - \overline{v_B} \quad (1)$$

From Fig. 2.1 (b), the relative velocity of *A* with respect to *B* (i.e. v_{AB}) may be written in the vector form as follows:

$$\overline{ba} = \overline{oa} - \overline{ob}$$

$$v_{AB} = -v_{BA}$$

Similarly, the relative velocity of *B* with respect to *A*,

$$v_{BA} = \text{Vector difference of } v_B \text{ and } v_A = \overline{v_B} - \overline{v_A}$$

or

$$\overline{ab} = \overline{ob} - \overline{oa}$$

Now consider that the body *B* move in inclined direction as shown in fig 2.2 a, its relative velocity can be shown in fig 2.2b.

$$v_{AB} = \text{Vector difference of } v_A \text{ and } v_B = \overline{v_A} - \overline{v_B}$$

or

$$\overline{ba} = \overline{oa} - \overline{ob}$$

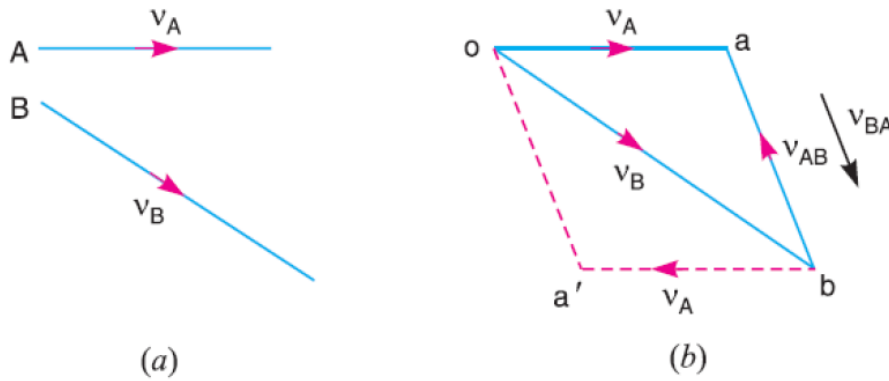


Fig 2.2. Relative velocity of two bodies moving along inclined lines.

Similarly, the relative velocity of *B* with respect to *A*,

$$v_{BA} = \text{Vector difference of } v_B \text{ and } v_A = \overline{v_B} - \overline{v_A}$$

or

$$\overline{ab} = \overline{ob} - \overline{oa}$$

2.2 Motion of a Link:

Consider two points *A* and *B* on a rigid link *AB*, as shown in Fig. 2.3 (a). Let one of the extremities (*B*) of the link move relative to *A*, in a clockwise direction. Since the distance from *A* to *B* remains the same, therefore there can be no relative motion between *A* and *B*, along the line *AB*. It is thus obvious, that the relative motion of *B* with respect to *A* must be perpendicular to *AB*.

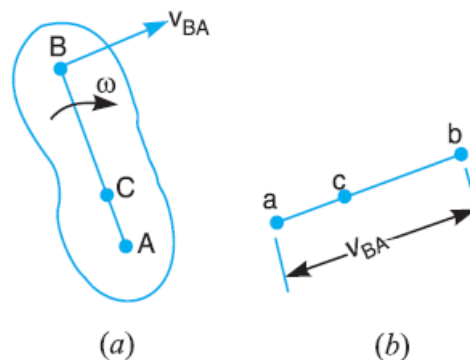


Fig 2.3 motion of a link

According to velocity method:

Velocity of any point on a rigid link with respect to another point on the same link is always perpendicular (\perp) to the line joining these points on the configuration (or space diagram).

The relative velocity of B with respect to A (i.e. v_{BA}) is represented by the vector ab and is perpendicular to the line AB as shown in Fig. 2.3 (b).

Let ω = Angular velocity of the link AB about A . We know that the velocity of the point B with respect to A ,

$$v_{BA} = \overline{ab} = \omega \cdot AB \quad (1)$$

Similarly, the velocity of any point C on AB with respect to A ,

$$v_{CA} = \overline{ac} = \omega \cdot AC \quad (2)$$

From equations (1) and (2),

$$\frac{v_{CA}}{v_{BA}} = \frac{\overline{ac}}{\overline{ab}} = \frac{\omega \cdot AC}{\omega \cdot AB} = \frac{AC}{AB} \quad (3)$$

Thus, we see from equation (3), that the point C on the vector ab divides it in the same ratio as C divides the link AB . Moreover, it is immaterial whether the link moves about A in a clockwise direction or about B in a clockwise direction.

2.3. Velocity of a Point on a Link by Relative Velocity Method

Consider two points A and B on a link as shown in Fig. 2.4 (a).

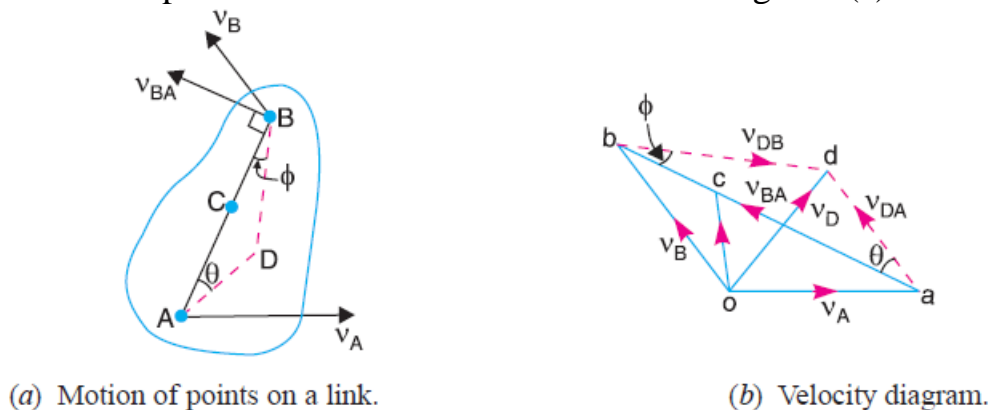


Fig 2.4

Let the absolute velocity of the point A i.e. v_A is known in magnitude and direction and the absolute velocity of the point B i.e. v_B is known in direction only. Then the velocity of B may be determined by drawing the velocity diagram as shown in Fig. 2.4 (b). The velocity diagram is drawn as follows:

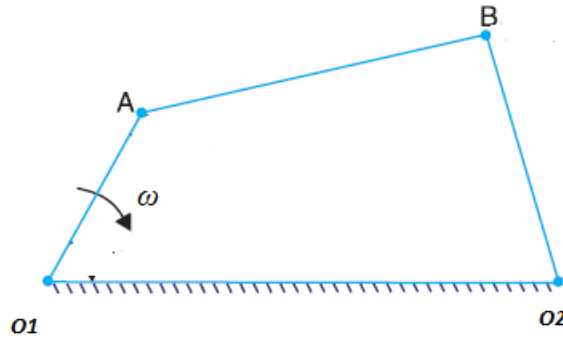
1. Take some convenient point o , known as the pole.
 2. Through o , draw oa parallel and equal to v_A , to some suitable scale.
 3. Through a , draw a line perpendicular to AB of Fig. 2.4 (a). This line will represent the velocity of B with respect to A , i.e. v_{BA} .
 4. Through o , draw a line parallel to v_B intersecting the line of v_{BA} at b .
 5. Measure ob , which gives the required velocity of point B (v_B), to the scale
- The absolute velocity of any point C on AB may be determined by dividing vector ab at c in the same ratio as C divides AB in Fig. 2.4 (a). In other words:

$$\frac{ac}{ab} = \frac{AC}{AB}$$

2.4. Application:

2.4.1. Four bar Mechanism:

1. Draw space diagram of mechanism with a suitable scale with higher case letter.



Space diagram

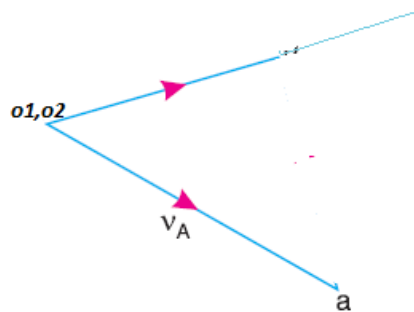
2. Taking a suitable scale to draw velocity diagram (with lower case letter) from

$$v_A = o_1A \cdot \omega$$

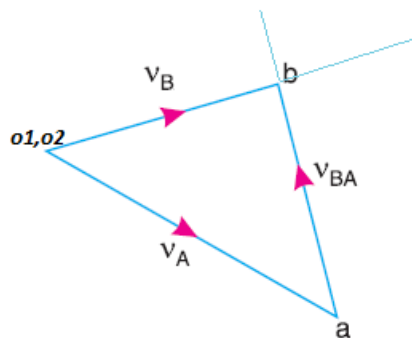
3. Take o_1, o_2 the origin which represent a fixed point from its absolute velocities are drawn.

4. Draw the known absolute velocity $v_A \perp O_{1A}$ from o_1 .

5. The direction of absolute velocity v_B is known and can be drawn through o_2 where $v_B \perp O_2B$.



6. The relative velocity v_{AB} is drawn from (a) to be \perp to the link (AB) and intersect with v_B giving point (b). This establish the magnitudes of v_B , and v_{AB} .



Velocity diagram

2.2.2.1 Drawing scale

Is defined as A drawing that shows a real object with accurate sizes reduced or enlarged by a certain amount (called the scale).

2.2.2.2 Three Types of Scale:

- Fractional or Ratio Scale: A fractional scale map shows the fraction of an object or land feature on the map. ...
- Linear Scale: A linear scale shows the distance between two or more prominent landmarks. ...
- Verbal Scale: This type of scale uses simple words to describe a prominent surface feature.

2.2.2.3 formula of Fractional or Ratio Scale:

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS}$$

Where S is scale[-], DS is drawing scale [?], AS is actual scale [?].

Note:

- 1- (s) is Less than one when reduced (zoomed out) and greater than one when enlarged (zoomed in).
- 2- DS and AS must be of the same measurement unit.

Ex1:

Let us consider 4m length wall. Convert this to a scale of 1:50 and 1:100.

Solution: $AS = 4m = 4000mm$, $s = 1:50$ and $1:100$, $DS = ?$

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS}$$

For $s = 1/50$

$$\frac{1}{50} = \frac{DS}{4000} \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} DS = \frac{4000}{50} = 80mm$$

For $s = 1/100$

$$\frac{1}{100} = \frac{DS}{4000} \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} DS = \frac{4000}{100} = 40mm$$

EX 2

In a four-bar chain **ABCD**, **AD** is fixed and is **150 mm** long. The crank **AB** is **40 mm** long and rotate at **120 rpm (cw)** while link **CD** is **80 mm** oscillate about **D**. **BC** and **AD** are of equal length. Find the angular velocity of link **CD** when angle **BAD** is **60°**.

Solution:

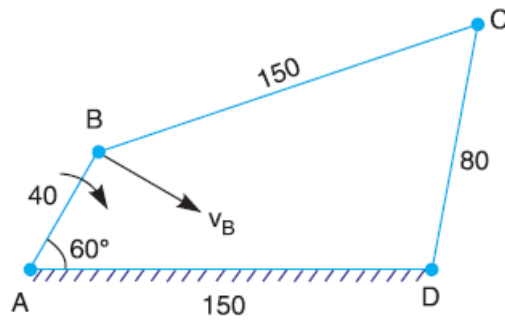
Solution. Given: $N_{BA} = 120$ r.p.m. or $\omega_{BA} = 2\pi \times 120/60 = 12.568$ rad/s

Since the length of crank $AB = 40$ mm = 0.04 m, therefore velocity of B with respect to A or velocity of B , (because A is a fixed point),

1) Draw space diagram

Find drawing scale of space diagram:

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{75mm}{150mm} = 1/2$$



(a) Space diagram (All dimensions in mm).

Space diagram with scale 1/2

2) Find absolute velocity of crank

$$v_{BA} = v_B + v_A = v_B = \omega_{BA} \times AB = 12.568 \times 0.04 = 0.503 \frac{m}{s} = 50.3 \text{ cm/sec}$$

3) Draw velocity diagram

a) Find drawing scale of velocity diagram:

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{5.03 \text{ cm/sec}}{50.3 \text{ cm/sec}} = \frac{1}{10}$$

b). Since the link AD is fixed, therefore points *a*, and *d* are taken as one part in the **velocity diagram**.

c) Draw vector *ab* \perp *AB* (to *scale* in this case) the scale is

$$\text{length factor } ab = 50.3 \text{ cm/sec} \cdot \frac{1}{10} = 5.03 \text{ cm/sec}$$

3. From point *b* draw *bc* \perp *CB*, to represent the velocity of *C* with respect to *B* (i.e. v_{CB})

4. From point *d* draw *dc* \perp *CD*, represent the velocity of *C* with respect to *D* or simply velocity of *C* (i.e. v_{CD} or v_C), so *bc* and *dc* will intersect at point *c*.

5. By measuring *dc* is = 38.5 mm/sec

So, $v_c = 38.5 \times 10 = 385 \text{ mm/s} = 0.385 \text{ m/sec}$

And $\omega_{CD} = v_C / CD = 0.385 / 0.08 = 4.8 \text{ rad/s}$

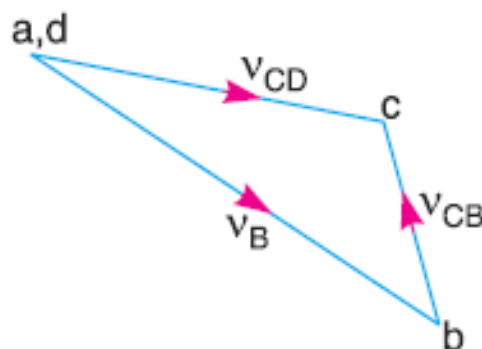


Fig. 2.6. Velocity diagram with scale drawing 1/10.

2.3. Slider Crank Mechanism

We have discussed the relative velocity method for the velocity of any point on a link, whose direction of motion and velocity of some other point on the same link is

known. The same method may also be applied for the velocities in a slider crank mechanism.

2.3.1 Draw the space diagram

A slider crank mechanism is shown in Fig. 2.7. The slider A is attached to the connecting rod AB . Let the radius of crank OB be r and let it rotate in a clockwise direction, about the point O with uniform angular velocity ω rad/s. Therefore, the velocity of B i.e. v_B is known in magnitude and direction. The slider reciprocates along the line of stroke AO .

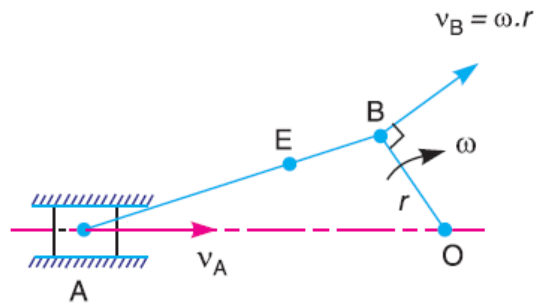
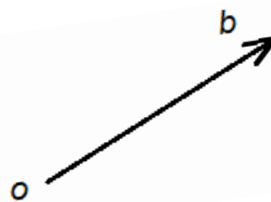


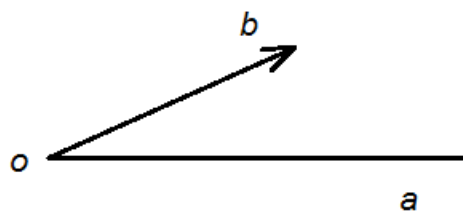
Fig. 2.7 Slider crank mechanism. (Space diagram)

The velocity of the slider A (i.e. v_A) may be determined by relative velocity method as discussed below:

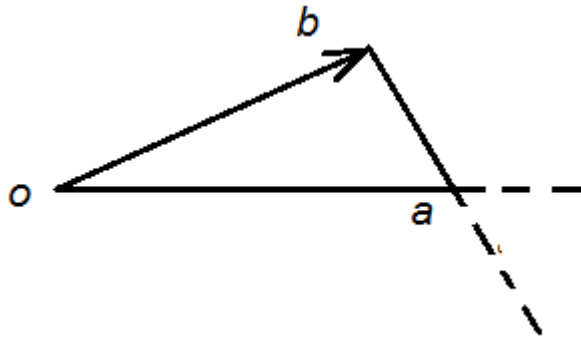
1- From any point o , draw vector ob parallel to the direction of v_B (or perpendicular to OB) such that $ob = v_B = \omega \cdot r$, to some suitable scale, as shown in below.



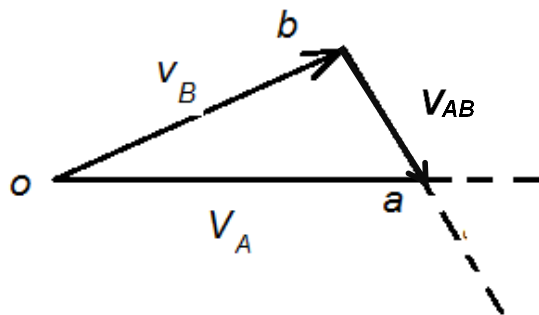
2 Draw vector oa parallel // to piston A known direction.



3. Since AB is a rigid link, therefore the velocity of A relative to B is perpendicular to AB . Now draw vector ba perpendicular to AB to represent the velocity of A with respect to B i.e. v_{AB} .



4. The intersect of these two lines give point a .
5. Then v_A can be measured



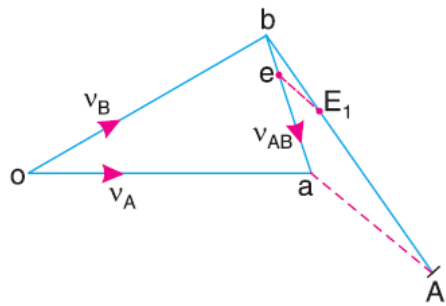
6. The angular velocity of the connecting rod AB (ω_{AB}) may be determined as follows:

$$\omega_{AB} = \frac{v_{BA}}{AB} = \frac{ab}{AB} \text{ (Anticlockwise about A)}$$

Note: The absolute velocity of any other point E on the connecting rod AB may also be found out by dividing vector ba such that:

$$\frac{\vec{be}}{\vec{ba}} = \frac{BE}{BA}$$

This is done by drawing any line bA_1 equal in length of BA . Mark $bE_1 = BE$. Join aA_1 . From E_1 draw a line E_1e parallel to aA_1 . The vector oe now represents the velocity of E and vector ae represents the velocity of E with respect to A .



Ex. 3

The crank and connecting rod of a theoretical steam engine are 0.5 m and 2 m long respectively. The crank makes 180 rpm in the cw direction when it has turned 45° from

the inner dead center position. determine the velocity of the piston and the angular velocity of the connecting rod.

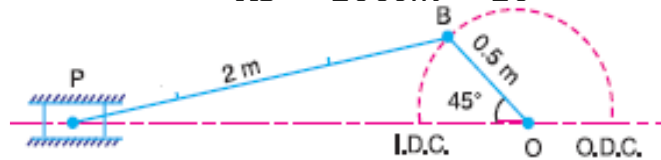
Solution

Crank length=0.5=50cm, connecting rod length=2m=200cm

1) Draw space diagram

Find drawing scale of space diagram:

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{5cm}{200cm} = \frac{1}{20}$$



Space diagram with drawing scale 1/20

$$\omega_{OB} = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot N}{60} = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 180}{60} = 18.852 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$v_B = \omega_{OB} \cdot \overline{OB} = 18.852 \cdot 0.5 = 9.426 \text{ m/s}$$

2) Draw velocity diagram

Find drawing scale of velocity diagram:

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{4.713 \text{ m/sec}}{9.426 \text{ m/sec}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$v_B \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} \approx 4.75 \text{ m/sec}$$

Follow the above procedure and when we measure the vector **ob** it gives 4.75 cm it means that

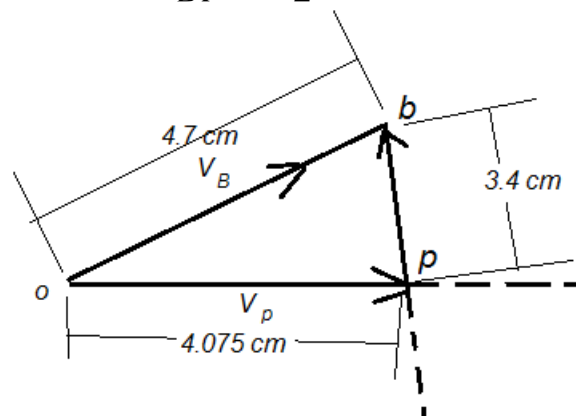
$$v_p = 2 \cdot 4.075 = 8.15 \text{ m/s}$$

and the vector **bp** gives 3.4 cm,

$$v_{BP} = 2 \cdot 3.4 = 6.8 \text{ m/s}$$

So

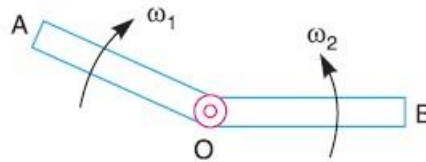
$$\omega_{PB} = \frac{v_{BP}}{BP} = \frac{6.8}{2} = 3.4 \text{ rad/s}$$



velocity polygon (diagram) with drawing scale 1/2

2.4. Rubbing Velocity at a pin Joints

The links in mechanism are mostly connected by means of pin joints. The rubbing velocity is defined as “**The algebraic sum between the angular velocities of the two links which are connected by pin joint multiplied by the radius of the pin**”. As shown below link OA , and OB connected by a pin joint O .



Links connected by pin joints.

Consider two links OA and OB connected by a pin joint at O as shown in Figure above:

ω_1 = Angular velocity of the link OA or the angular velocity of the point A with respect to O .

ω_2 = Angular velocity of the link OB or the angular velocity of the point B with respect to O , and

r = Radius of the pin.

According to the definition, Rubbing velocity at the pin joint O

$$v_{Rub} = (\omega_1 - \omega_2) \cdot r, \text{ if the links move in the same direction}$$

$$v_{Rub} = (\omega_1 + \omega_2) \cdot r, \text{ if the links move in the opposite direction}$$

Note: When the pin connects one sliding member and the other turning member then the angular velocity of the sliding member is Zero in such case $v_{Rub} = \omega r$.

Ex 4: (Rubbing)

For *Ex 3* find the rubbing velocities at the pins of the crank shaft, crank, and cross head when the pins diameters are 50 mm, 60 mm, and 30 mm respectively.



Solution:

We know that diameter of crank-shaft pin at O , $d_o = 50 \text{ mm} = 0.05 \text{ m}$

Diameter of crank-pin at B . $d_B = 60 \text{ mm} = 0.06 \text{ m}$

and diameter of cross-head pin. $d_c = 30 \text{ mm} = 0.03 \text{ m}$

We know that velocity of rubbing at the pin of crank-shaft

$$v_{RB} = \frac{d_o}{2} \cdot \omega_{BO} = \frac{0.05}{2} \cdot 18.85 = 0.47 \text{ m/s}$$

Velocity of rubbing at the pin of crank

$$v_{RPB} = \frac{d_B}{2} \cdot (\omega_{BO} + \omega_{PB}) = \frac{0.06}{2} \cdot (18.85 + 3.4) = 0.6675 \text{ m/s} \text{ } (\omega_{BO} \text{ is clockwise and } \omega_{PB} \text{ is anticlockwise)}$$

$$v_{RPB} = \frac{d_B}{2} \cdot (\omega_{BO} - \omega_{PB}) = \frac{0.06}{2} \cdot (18.85 - 3.4) = 0.4635 \text{ m/s} \text{ } (\omega_{BO} \text{ is clockwise and } \omega_{PB} \text{ is clockwise)}$$

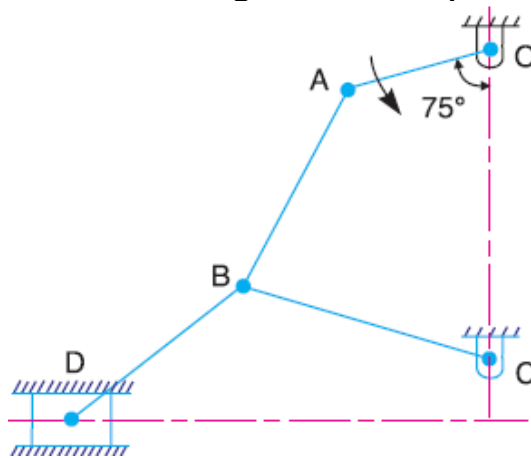
And velocity of rubbing at the pin of cross-head

$$v_{RA} = \frac{d_p}{2} \cdot \omega_{PB} = \frac{0.03}{2} \cdot 3.4 = 0.051 \text{ m/s}$$

At the cross-head, the slider does not rotate and only the connecting rod has angular motion.)

Example 5

In figure below, the angular velocity of the crank OA is 600 r.p.m. Determine the linear velocity of the slider D and the angular velocity of the link BD, when the crank is inclined at an angle of 75° to the vertical. The dimensions of various links are: OA = 28 mm; AB = 44 mm; BC 49 mm; and BD = 46 mm. The center distance between the centers of rotation O and C is 65 mm. The path of travel of the slider is 11 mm below the fixed point C. The slider moves along a horizontal path and OC is vertical.



Space diagram with scale 1/20

Solution.

Given: $N_{AO} = 600$ r.p.m. or $\omega_{AO} = 2\pi \times 600/60 = 62.84$ rad/s, Since $OA = 28$ mm = 0.028 m, therefore velocity of A with respect to O or velocity of A (because O is a fixed point),

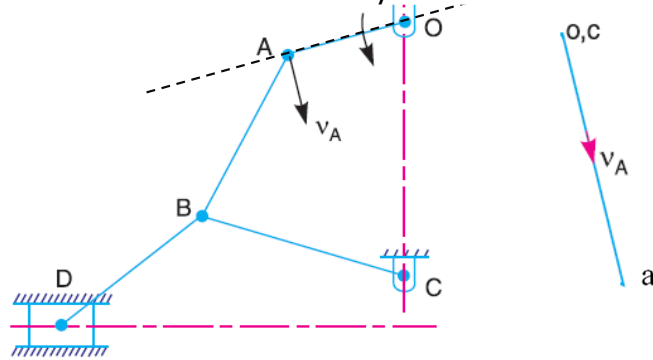
1) Draw space diagram with suitable scale 1/20

$$v_{AO} = v_A = \omega_{AO} \cdot OA = 62.84 \cdot 0.028 = 1.76 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 176 \text{ cm/sec,}$$

$\perp OA$ (Perpendicular to OA).

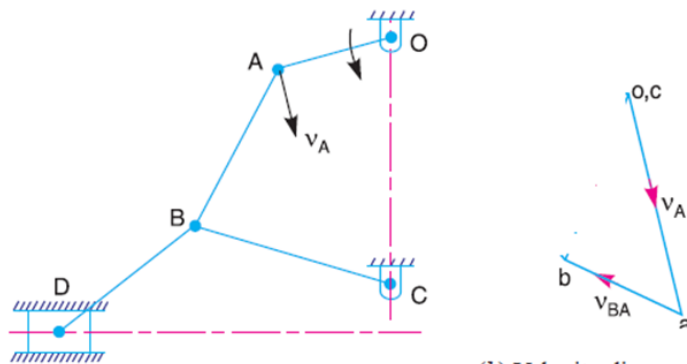
2) Draw vector $oa = v_{AO} = v_A = 1.76$ m/s $\perp OA$ to some suitable scale.

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{4.4\text{cm/sec}}{176\text{cm/sec}} = \frac{1}{40}$$



(a) Space diagram.

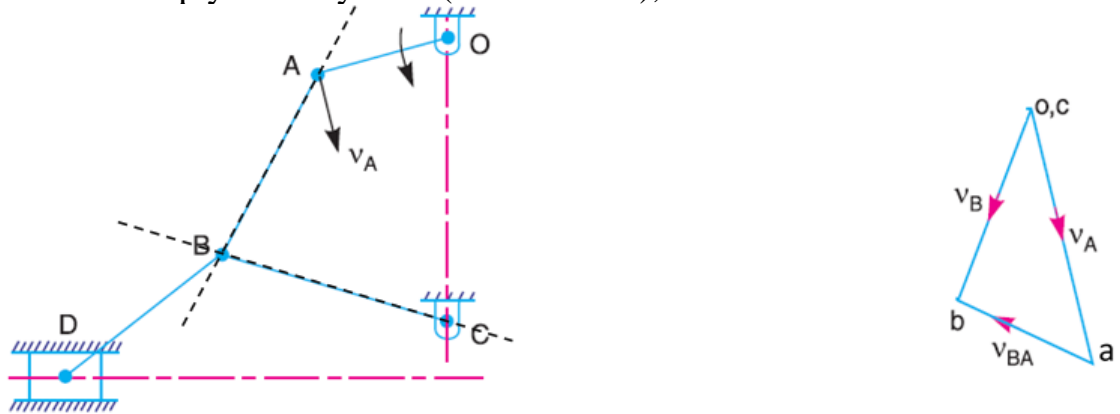
2- From point *a*, draw vector perpendicular to **AB** to represent the velocity of *B* with respect to *A* (i.e. v_{BA})



(a) Space diagram.

(b) Velocity diagram.

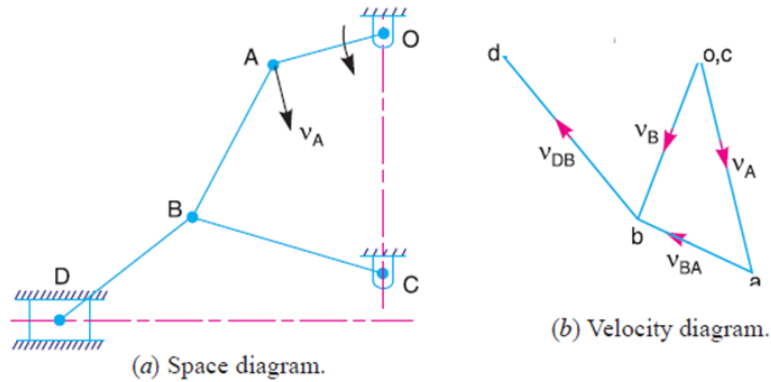
3- From point *c*, draw vector perpendicular to **CB** to represent the velocity of *B* with respect to *C* or simply velocity of *B* (i.e. v_{BC} or v_B), The vectors intersect at *b*



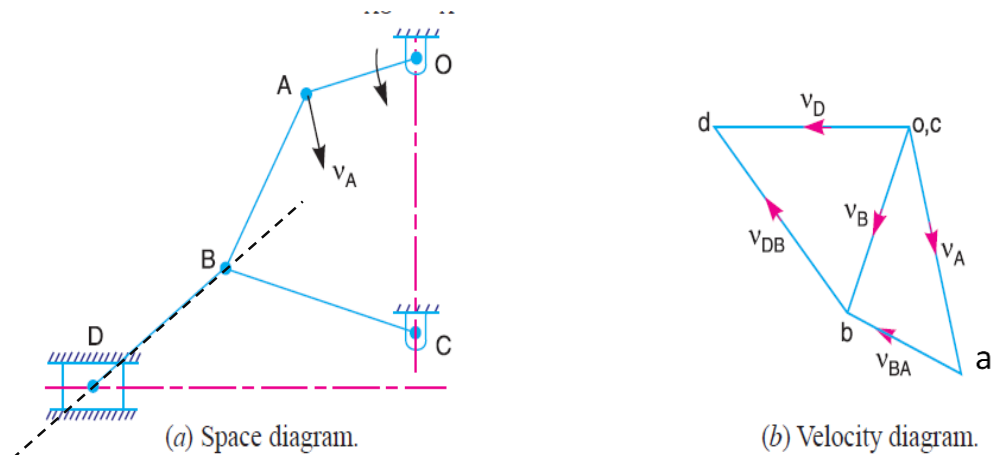
(a) Space diagram.

(b) Velocity diagram.

4- From point *b*, draw vector perpendicular to **BD** to represent the velocity of *D* with respect to *B* (i.e. v_{DB}).



5- From point o , draw vector parallel to the path of motion of the slider D which is horizontal, to represent the velocity of D (i.e. v_D). The vectors intersect at d .



6-By measurement, we find that velocity of the slider D , $v_D = \text{vector } od = 1.6 \text{ m/s}$ By measurement from velocity diagram, we find that velocity of D with respect to B , $v_{DB} = \text{vector } bd = 1.7 \text{ m/s}$ Since the length of link $BD = 46 \text{ mm} = 0.046 \text{ m}$, therefore angular velocity of the link BD ,

$$\omega_{BD} = \frac{v_{DB}}{BD} = \frac{1.7}{0.046} = 36.96 \text{ rad/s (Clockwise about B)}$$

